

**STILLWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

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**REGULAR MEETING
November 30, 2021**

PRESENT Commissioners Mark Crago, Chair, Tyrel Hamilton, Steve Riveland, members, Shannon Fisher Admin Assistant.

Others Present: Kevin Ray, Road & Bridge; Randy Smith, SCSO; Marlo Pronovost, Stillwater County News.

PLEDGE Commissioner Crago opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES October 5, 2021. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS None presented.

FILE ITEMS **DES/Fire Warden**
A) Resolution 2021-29 Stillwater County Disaster Declaration
B) Resolution 2021-30 Rosebud Fire Incident Evacuation
C) Resolution 2021-31 Rescinding Resolution 2021-30

Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to file the file items. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton explained that these are the resolutions for the disaster declaration that has to go with evacuations and rescinding the evacuations for the Rosebud fire. Commissioner Crago added that the disaster declaration is needed to obtain assistance and cooperation from DNRC on the fire. Commissioner Hamilton further added that the emergency declaration has to be in place for the evacuation as well. Marlo Pronovost asked if there was a time limit on when the resolutions have to be done. Commissioner Crago responded that he did not know answer to that, however, historically the resolution has been as quick as getting two commissioners to sign the disaster declaration, preferably within twenty-four hours of the event if possible. Marlo asked if a cause of the fire has been determined yet. Commissioner Riveland responded that unofficially he had heard a tree had blown over onto a power line. Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS **Commission**
A) Resolution 2021-32 a resolution to establish Commissioner Districts following the 2021 Federal Decennial Census. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve Resolution 2021-32 a resolution to establish Commissioner District following the 2021 Federal Decennial Census. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Discussion – Marlo Pronovost asked if there were any changes. Commissioner Crago responded that most of the changes were acres. District two gained more acreage from district one and district three also gained acreage from district one however, district one still had the greatest population growth. The population in district two decreased by 63, district 3 decreased by 103 and district one gained 525. Commissioner Hamilton explained they tried to make adjustments to the boundaries to get the acreages closer without changing the populations to much. District one grew in acreage because it was smaller acreage wise and mileage wise than the other two districts. Commissioner Crago added that title 7-4-2102 is the statute that states how the

redistricting is to be done. Population has to be as close as possible while maintaining acreage as close as possible as well. Marlo asked when the last redistricting was done. Commissioner Crago responded that the last redistricting was done in 2010. Commissioner Crago added that if this resolution passes it goes before the district court judge for approval and to make sure the work done it has been done correctly. Once he signs off on it, it will be sent to the state. The Commissioners thanks Brenden Wiltshire, Heidi Stadel and Lynn Robinson for the work they have done on this project. Commissioner Riveland explained that the first step in the process was to correct the baseline GIS map. In the north portion of the county, it was off approximately ¼ mile in some places. A lot of hours were put in trying to figure that out. Commissioner Hamilton added that they had to work out the census data, making sure the populations were correct and adjusting those in each area. Significant time was spent on this to make sure that it was as accurate and equitable as possible. Commissioner Crago noted that the map looks to be very readable and easy to understand. Motion passed unanimously.

Beartooth RC&D

A) MOU between Stillwater County and Beartooth Resource Conservation & Development. Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve the MOU between in Stillwater County and Beartooth Resource Conservation & Development. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Crago explained that this is an annual renewal of a contract that has been in place for quite some time. The Beartooth RC&D provide economic development support. They are the group that administered the business grants that were done at the beginning of the year. Commissioner Hamilton added that they work with small businesses through revolving loan funds in Stillwater County and they help those looking to create businesses. They helped Stillwater Packing with funding for their incinerator project as an example. They do a lot not only for the county but for the residents as well. Marlo Pronovost noted that they have been around for a while. Commissioner Crago stated that they represent a five-county area. Commissioner Hamilton stated that this is just a renewal and the county has done it for years and the annual contribution for the is a membership fee of \$2,250.00 and .19 per person as a per capita fee for a total of \$3,952.97. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COUNTY BUSINESS – None heard.

With no further comments heard the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder